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Part B for Nov 48

SUBJECT

Grant of Agricultural lands to Refugees

no 3332/CR

d. 10. 11. 48

To

The Refugee Relief Committee

States that Govt are not in favour
of making land grant to individuals.

Signed 17/5/49

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Letter no. 478/47-8 dated 27th March 1948 from the Commissioner of Refuges in Mysore Bangalore re grant of agricultural lands to refugees.

1) In forwarding a copy of the Resolution passed by the Rehabilitation Sub-Committee (Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee) at its meeting held on 17.3.48, the Commr of Refuges requests for the communication of the policy of Govt. with regards to the grant of lands to the refugees, in view of the large number of applications from Harijans for the grant of wet lands.

2) It is stated by the Commr of Refuges that the Chief Engineer has in his letter no. 2481/K.S.S. dated 27/2/48 intimated the Committee of the availability of 2533 acres of wet land under Shimsha and Kavalay project.

3) The Commr. of Refuges supports the proposal in common with the members of the Rehabilitation Sub-Committee re grant of 3 acres of wet land and five acres of dry land side by side to each adult male refugee. At the same time, he is of opinion that it is better that instead of giving land to any applicant, a few who are really experienced in agriculture and have a desire to stay on the land itself and

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let it worked are selected and a minimum holding of 25 acres is given to each ^{them}.

4) The Commr of Refugees also invites reference to letter of Mr. Purushottam Singh Bajaj. (dated 12.3.48) addressed to Govt re: Rehabilitation of Lucki Hindu Refugees.

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5) Subd for orders as to the policy of Govt with re to the allotment of lands available to the refugees referred to in para 1. Supra.

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5) The Rev Commr may perhaps.

be consulted in the matter

unofficially if approved

Chief Secy) - 4/6/48

7) Forwarded with Compliments to the Revenue Commissioners at Mysore, Bangalore for favour of remark. By order

Deputy Secy

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18/5/48.

For Chief Secy to Govt



No. C2.4202/47-48.

8) Returned with compliments.

9) The number of refugee families is stated to be 50 and the extent available under Shimsha and Kowdly Projects is 2,533 acres. It is also



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also said that that there are a large number of Harijan applicants for grant of lands out of this extent. Reserving about 1,533 acres for considering the applications of Harijans, the remaining extent of 1,000 acres may be -- made available for grant to the refugees each family being given an extent not exceeding 20 acres as against 25 acres as opined by the Commissioner of Refugees.

S. Narayana Rao
Revenue Commissioner. 26/5

Submitted

(1) In ~~the light~~ ^{the light} of the opinion furnished by the Revenue Commissioner, it is for orders whether the Commissioner of Refugees may be informed that 1000 acres of land under the Shimsha and Rowdy Projects will be made available for grant to refugees and to send up suitable proposals for allotment among deserving refugees in consultation with the Rev. Commr. Regarding the S. Nos., value, extent etc.

Chief Secy)

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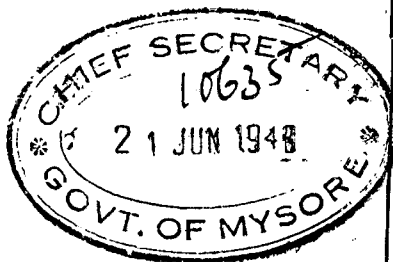
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(12) I think this request may be referred to the Com^r Secretary Appan...



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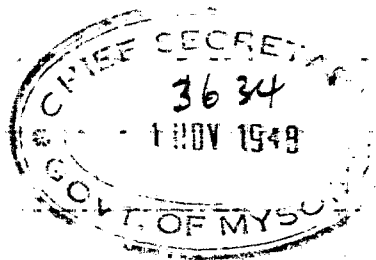
to make proposals about the disposal
of Dah reserve Am kaval & other lands
(Home Min)



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(13) I am not in favour of
of grants to individuals. They
must form themselves into
Cooperative societies. and
Then the lands could be
granted to the Coop. societies
and cultivation done
on Coop. farming

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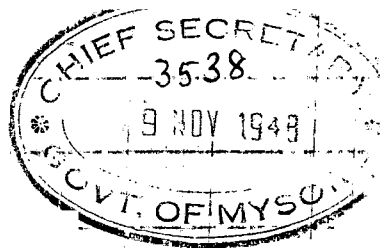
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Chief Secy



(17) Done

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to the Refuge Relief Committee

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OFFICE OF
COMMISSIONER OF REFUGEES IN MYSORE
BANGALORE

No. 478/4748
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Date 27th March 1948.

MEMO.

To

The Chief Secretary to Government,
Bangalore.

30 Mar 1948

Subject: Grant of agricultural lands to refugees.

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I have the honour to state that the subject referred to above was placed before the Rehabilitation Sub-Committee meeting held on 7-3-48 and that it was discussed keeping in view of the Chief Engineer's letter No. 2481/K.S. dated 27-2-48 intimating the Committee of the availability of 2533 acres of wet land under Shimsha and Kowdalay projects. It was opined that in view of the large number of applications from Harijans for the grant of wet lands to Government, the policy of Government be ascertained before lands could be made available to the refugees for free grant. A copy of the resolution passed by the said Committee touching this subject is herein enclosed for kind information and communication of the policy, the Government would adopt.

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In this connection I wish to invite kind reference to the letter of Mr. Purushotham Singh L. Bajaj in this regard and to support the proposal in common with the members that 3 acres of wet land and 5 acres of dry land side by side could be granted to each adult male refugee. In my opinion, it is not advisable to give the small bits of land to each refugee because the working will not be economical. It is better that instead of giving land to any applicant, a few who are really experienced in agriculture and have a desire to stay on the land itself and get it worked are selected and a minimum holding of 25 acres is given to each.

I have the honour to be,
Your most obedient servant,
N. S. Krishna Rao
COMMISSIONER OF REFUGEES
(in charge) in Mysore, Bangalore. 28/3

Extract from the resolutions passed by the Rehabilitation Sub-Committee (Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee), Bangalore at its meeting held on 7-3-48.

SUBJECT NO. 2:- "Grant of agricultural lands".

" The availability of 2533 acres of wet land under Shimsha and Kowdalay projects as intimated by the Chief Engineer for Irrigation was considered as also the question of offer of lands to 50 agriculturist refugees in Maddur and Krishnarajpet taluks. The Chairman added that in view of the large number of applications from Harijans for the grant of wet lands to Government, the availability of wet lands only to the refugees may not be plausible unless the policy of Government in this regard is ascertained.

Mr. H.S. Rudrappa moved that a portion of the lands both channel-fed and dry be made over to the refugees for permanent habilitation and that 3 acres of wet land and 5 acres of dry land side by side be granted to each adult male refugee. This proposal was seconded by Mr. Purushotham Singh L. Bajaj.

Resolved that Government be requested to define the policy it would adopt in the allotment of lands available and to refer to Mr. Purushotham Singh L. Bajaj's letter addressed to the Government in this regard.

Mr. Kapur suggested that the Director of Agriculture (Punjab) may be requested to lay out plans to rehabilitate agriculturist refugees in Mysore and to suggest the suitability or otherwise of these lands to the refugees and that the Government of Mysore may best avail of his opinion in making over lands to the refugees".

" EXTRACT "

Kausik P. Venkatesh
COMMISSIONER OF REFUGEES
(in charge) in Mysore, Bangalore.

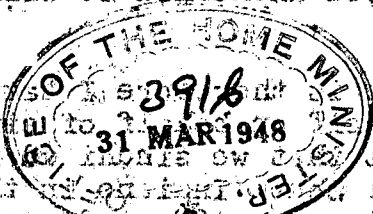
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THE SINDHI HINDU REFUGEES RELIEF COMMITTEE

President: **SETH PURSHOTAMSING L. BAJAJ**
 Vice President: **SETH PARASRAM JETHANAND**
 Hon. Secretary: **SETH PARAMANAND UTTAMCHAND**
 Joint Secretary: **SETH NARAYANSING**
 Treasurer: **SETH NARAYANDAS VISHINDAS**

430, MINTO STREET, MADRAS 1
 12th March 1948



OFFICE OF THE
 CHIEF MINISTER
 No. 3293
 Date 17/3/48

The Chief Minister,
 Government of Mysore,
 BANGALORE CITY.

Respected Sir,

I beg to submit the following memorandum in connection with the conditions of the refugees in the State and I am sure your honour will be pleased to consider it sympathetically & favourably. Your early action in this great cause will be very much appreciated.

Sir, it is needless to emphasise the present plight of refugees and I am sure you are quite aware of the extremely miserable plight to which the Sindhi Hindus have been subjected as a result of the establishment of the Pakistan. We have suffered two folds. Firstly for political reasons, the province of Sind was separated from the Bombay Presidency, and the fate of the Sindhis reached to minority there. It is a long story and a pathetic too. The treatment to minority by which the Majority Muslim community was responsible. Secondly, we have become politically orphans after the partition of the country. You will agree with me that Punjabi have their abode & shelter in the East Punjab. The Bengalis are also better off by having half of the Bengal. It is only the pity that the Hindus of Sind are no more and have no shelter nor place to colonise to continue with their previous culture.

The Sindhi Hindus are migrating for their safety and security to the provinces like Bombay, Madras and to other parts of India leaving behind their hearths and homes and their native place with all its long & cherished memories & surroundings. They have now become refugees moving here & there in search of succour and aid so that they may settle down permanently in Mysore State. Are we to wander here and there in Mysore State for want of food & shelter there? The very idea of an Indian calling himself a refugee in the Indian soil itself is really sickening. We never expected that we would be reduced to this sorrowful plight. We came away here sacrificing all our material interests to safeguard our Hindu religion, culture and honour. When we actually arrived here and tried to settle down there, we are confronted with no help from your Government and with the feeling of provincialism which is the very enemy of ones existence. While we do realise the merits of doctrine but at the same time it will be a determinental to the interests of India in the long run provided it is persuaded to its logical end. In this respect, I would invite your attention to the speech made

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Handwritten notes and signatures:
 H. K. G.
 Home Minister
 W. F.
 Recd. 27/3
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 (Chief Secy)
 1-4-48
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by Hon'ble Sardar Vallabhai Patel to the citizen of Shillong recently and thus observed that the 'rehabilitation of refugees was a very difficult task and more complicated; it is therefore he insisted the co-operation of every citizen of every province. There was no room here either for provincialism, partialist or for other such jealousies. If such tendencies continued and developed unchecked it will merely ruin the whole of India.

It is therefore I take this opportunity to express myself on behalf of sindhi brethren refugees to the fact that we sindhi do not object to the settling down of South Indians in the province of Sind before the partition was affected and hence we looked forward upon them as our own kith and kin and thus felt that we were the sons of the same soil; Expecting that we will be well treated in the State on our arrival in your territory. In all humanity and earnestness I appeal to the Government of Mysore to extend their helping hand in providing sufficient shelter & food for the benefit of refugees who have come down here from a long distance and due to no fault of theirs.

It is presumed that your Government is under misapprehension that today or tomorrow they will go back to Pakistan, but I assure you Sir that they will live & peace & will make their homes permanently there. Your Government and the people should under no circumstances treat us as non-citizen of your State but on the contrary they should be pleased to help us in every respect to redress the difficulties and sorrows to which the refugees have been put up since the time of their leaving homes & dear ones. You will appreciate that we have suffered more than others in India in the achievement of our freedom through the wretched partition of the country and it is therefore we should be treated as the citizen of the Mysore State. Let the Mysorian Nationalists show their national sentiment by treating us as fellow nationalists and not as unwanted outsiders or foreigners.

I confirm having telegraphed you yesterday in this respect: **SIND HINDU REFUGEES ARE SCATTERED IN STATE WITHOUT FOOD & SHELTER STOP GOVT. STARTED STATE REFUGEES RELIEF COMMITTEE THREE MONTHS BACK STOP NO CAMP STARTED FOR PROVIDING FOOD & SHELTER TO REFUGEES WHO HAVE NO MEANS LOST THEIR BELONGINGS LEAVING HEARTHS AND HOMES NATIVE PLACE FOR SAFETY STOP THEIR RELIGION & CULTURE LOST DUE TO PAKISTAN STOP PRAY TAKE IMMEDIATE STEPS TO START CAMPS. PURSHOTAM SING BAJAJ PRESIDENT SINDHI REFUGEES COMMITTEE.**

In conclusion, it is suggested that the Government of Mysore should take up the matter of the Sindhi Hindu refugees in all earnestness and I give below the broad outlines for your Govt.'s guidance and they will try to solve this problem wholeheartedly.

1. The Camp should be opened for those refugees who have lost everything.

2. We request that some lands to be made available to us at a nominal price through some co-operative agency so that we can start our own colonies without imposing strain on the present economic frame work of the State.

3. Free educational studentships should be granted to the refugee students who have lost everything in Pakistan and I suggest that the Sindhi students be admitted in the European schools where the medium of instruction is English. The Sindhi students will find it easier to continue their studies in the European schools. But this will be possible only if the percentage obtaining at the present of the Indian boys to be admitted to the European Schools increased.

4. In the meantime vacant and partly vacant military quarters lying in Bangalore may immediately be made available for their use.

5. The rehabilitation question should be started with the schemes sponsored by the Indian Government.

6. The Barracks, military huts and camps which were occupied by the prisoners of war will be given to the Govt. of India for some time and the Govt. of India will run their own camps on their account.

I beg to remain,

Sir,

Yours faithfully:



(PURSHOTAMSING L. BAJAJ)
PRESIDENT.

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General and Revenue Secretariat

To

The Chairman,

The M. S. R. R. Committee

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Date of issue.....

Sir,

Signed by.....

Subject: Grant of

Agricultural lands to
Refugees

With ref. to your
letter no. 47 P/47-48

D/-27-3-48 ^{from the Comt. of Refugees} requesting me

to intimate the

policy of Government

regarding the grant of agricultural

lands to refugees, I

am directed to state

that Govt are not

in favour of making

land grants to individuals

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would be glad to adopt lands, were the
the agricultural refugees
not to form themselves
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The cultivable lands
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16th Novr. 1948

The Chairman,
The Mysore State Refugee Relief Committee,
Bangalore.

SUBJECT:- Grant of Agricultural lands to
Refugees.

With reference to letter No.475/47-48 dated 27th March 1948 from the Commissioner of Refugees, I am directed to state that Government are not in favour of making land grants to individuals, but would be glad to allot lands, were the refugees to form themselves into Co-operative Societies. The cultivable lands could then be granted to these Co-operative Societies, and cultivation done on the lines of co-operative farming.

Yours faithfully,

O/c

10/11/48

CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.